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By ECFHon. Eric R. Komitee
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East, Courtroom 6G North
Brooklyn, New York 11201*Does et al v. Hochul et al*, No. 1:21-cv-05067-AMD-TAM (E.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judge Komitee:

As Your Honor is aware, earlier today the court in *Dr. A. v. Hochul*, No. 1:21-cv-1009 (N.D.N.Y. Sept. 14, 2021) entered an order temporarily restraining the Department of Health from enforcing the emergency regulation at issue in this case to the extent it precludes covered entities from offering religious exemptions to its vaccination requirement.

In light of that order, New York-Presbyterian ("NYP") voluntarily has paused the implementation of its vaccination program for all employees who previously had an approved or pending religious exemption request when NYP's religious exemption process was halted in late August in light of the enactment of the state regulation. We anticipate that the pause will continue until NYP receives further

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guidance from the Department of Health and the various courts, including this Court, considering the issue. Accordingly, there will be no change in employment status for such employees on September 15, 2021.

The specific, revised guidelines communicated to NYP employees are attached as Exhibit A.

Respectfully,

/s/ Liza M. Velazquez

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cc: All counsel by ECF